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SUBJECT: USG SERVICES AT THE 1975 SPRING CANTON
TRADE FAIR

REF: (A) PEKING 388; (B) HONG KONG 3145

DEPARTMENT GENERALLY CONCURS IN PROPOSED FAIR COVERAGE
OUTLINED REFTEL. SPECIFIC COMMENTS FOLLOW.

1. PERSONNEL. CONCUR IN HALLFORD AND MAERKLE TRAVEL TO
CANTON. IF MAERKLE HAS ROC VISA IN HIS PASSPORT, HE SHOULD
SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR SECOND DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT ASAP
TO SCA/PPT SA-17, ATTENTION MR. DEHOSTOS, AND INFORM
DEPARTMENT BY CABLE DATE APPLICATION COMPLETED AND POUCHED
PASSPORT OFFICE (WITH POUCH REGISTRY NUMBER). OTHERWISE,
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HE SHOULD PROVIDE PRESENT PASSPORT NUMBER ASAP. DEPARTMENT

INTENDS TO SUBMIT VISA APPLICATIONS THIS WEEK UNDER COVER OF ROUTINE DIPLOMATIC NOTE. IF MAERKLE HAS ROC VISA, WE RECOMMEND THAT, IN ORDER TO AVOID A DELAY IN SUBMISSION OF NOTE, HALLFORD TRAVEL TO CANTON ON ABOUT APRIL 15 FOR A STAY OF TWO-THREE WEEKS AND MAERKLE TRAVEL TO CANTON AROUND APRIL 29 FOR A SIMILAR STAY. IF CONGEN PREFERS DIFFERENT SCHEDULE, WE WILL NEED TRAVEL INFO ASAP TO USE

FOR NOTE. DEPARTMENT WILL REQUEST VISA ISSUANCE THROUGH CTS HONG KONG. AS USLO SUGGESTS, WE PLAN TO CALL PRCLC IN AND MAKE OUR BEST ARGUMENT FOR CONGEN ATTENDANCE SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH SUBMISSION OF NOTE; WE ARE NOT, OF COURSE, SANGUINE OVER THE PROSPECTS OF ISSUANCE.

2. PUBLICATIONS. COMMERCE HAS PREPARED MATERIALS, WHICH WILL BE POUCHED PER PARA 5 REFTEL THIS WEEK.

3. NCUSCT. EA/PRCM AND COMMERCE OFFICERS DISCUSSED FAIR WITH NCUSCT LAST WEEK. NCUSCT PLANS TO SEND EUGENE THEROUX FOR FIRST TWO WEEKS (GENE IS LEAVING THE COUNCIL TO RETURN TO HIS PRIVATE LAW PRACTICE AND THIS WILL BE ONE OF HIS LAST OFFICIAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE COUNCIL). BECAUSE OF THE COST INVOLVED, NCUSCT IS RELUCTANT TO SEND ANYONE ELSE FOR THE BALANCE; WE ARE ENCOURAGING THEM TO DO SO IF POSSIBLE IN THE INTERESTS OF CONTINUITY AND BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING SOME COUNCIL "PRESENCE" THROUGHOUT THE FAIR. FOLLOWING LAST FALL'S PRACTICE, AMCHAM HONG KONG HAS AGREED TO DESIGNATE BUSINESSMEN (AND POSSIBLY A SECRETARY) TO ASSIST WITH NCUSCT OFFICE; THEY WILL COVER IF THERE IS NO SECOND NCUSCT REP FROM THE US. NCUSCT IS LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITY OF AGAIN PROVIDING COPYING EQUIPMENT. WE HAVE SUGGESTED RANK XEROX OR BURROUGHS; OTHER SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE USEFUL.

4. REFTEL B JUST RECEIVED. PRESS GUIDANCE FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.
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